



Co-operative Energy Ltd

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Minutes of Co-operative Energy Ltd Board meeting, Internet Pub, 700 Victoria Street, North Melbourne, 28 June 1996

PRESENT: G. Charles, Tony Gill, David Griffiths and Bill McPherson

OTHERS: Roger Lamb and Vern Hughes

APOLOGIES: John Dick and Ian Pearce

1. Resolved that the minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting of 14 June 1996 and be signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that in accordance with resolution 2 of the meeting of 14 June 1996 Mr McPherson had not presented an itemised account and, therefore, the Chairman and the Secretary were unable to consider and make a decision.

2. Resolved to hold a special general meeting on 31 July 1996 to increase the number of directors from 6 to 7.

Mr Charles reported that a draft submission had been made to the Myer Foundation and that this might be resolved next week as to whether or not they were able to assist. He also reported that the Myer Foundation had suggested that Co-operative Energy Ltd should approach the Victoria Community Foundation.

3. Resolved to create an associate category for organisations unable to join Co-operative Energy Ltd and that the Chairman and Secretary develop an appropriate subscription formula for individuals, corporations, community groups and co-operatives and that an appropriate special resolution be submitted to the special general meeting on 31 July 1996.

It was noted that David Griffiths and Tony Gill would prepare the special resolutions.

Mr McPherson suggested that discussions be initiated with a professional fund raiser. It was noted that the Chairman would develop this further with Mr McPherson.

John Dick's paper was considered. The Government's need for a Credible Community-based Energy Supplier (June 1996) and it was agreed that domestic consumers did have significant disadvantages in the restructured market.

It was noted that Tony Gill was preparing a paper on the size and importance of the co-operative sector in Victoria and that this could be provided to MP Chris Strong.

David Griffiths reported that four electric co-operatives in the USA had agreed to provide information on their residential energy audits - Holy Cross, Oconee EMC, Plumas Sierra and Rappahannock. He said two other co-operatives had not yet responded - Claverack REC and West Oregon.

There was a brief discussion on the joint Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd and Co-operative Energy Ltd workshop for co-operatives on the opportunities for co-operatives in the restructured industry.

4. Resolved that the fee for the 31 July 1996 workshop be \$25 for first participant and \$20 each for additional participants.

Mr Gill reported that about 200 co-operatives would be invited to send a representative and that the income would go to Co-operative Energy Ltd. It was noted that an Information Kit would be prepared - including Co-operative Energy Ltd's Choice Realities.

As requested in resolution 3 of the Board meeting of 14 June 1996 Mr McPherson report was tabled: Program 1-2-3 as Developed for Piccol Credit Union and Others. The Report noted: Directors will be pleased to learn that a further discussion with Joe Pannuzo of Piccol resulted in Joe being very pleased with the content of the conservation inspection presented to him (the Tenni environmental audit) and was recommending to the next board meeting that they proceed with the next step.

No decision was made on the Report and it was tabled for the next meeting.

David Griffiths queried whether the report was supposed to be more comprehensive but the Chairman ruled otherwise.

It was noted that Graeme Charles and Bill McPherson would meet to negotiate on roles and responsibilities. Mr McPherson said he no objections to the involvement of others.

Mr Lamb reported to the Board that the 6 June 1996 meeting of the VLGA had been informed that he MAV has offered an electricity purchasing service to member Councils on a deal that would bind all participants to the successful tenderer. As an alternative to the MAV scheme, the VLGA has negotiated a range of alternative services with Co-operative Energy Ltd including energy useage pattern analysis, energy audit, energy management and retrofit, access to Citipower Ecopower, and the purchase of materials and services that are offered on the basis of low environmental impact. The VLGA passed the following resolution: That Mike Hill be authorised to proceed with the investigation and implementation of the Co-operative Electricity Purchasing Scheme.

Mr Lamb also reported that a concept proposal had been made to the City of Moreland which would be put to the next Council meeting - one element of which included audit and retrofit.

Mr Charles reported that he had been approached by a group in Esperance, WA., for advice on establishing an electric co-operative. He said that he was negotiating regarding the possibility of a fee.

Mr Charles said that he had worked out an approximate budget for 1996-97 of \$5000 for 1996-97. No document was formally tabled.

Mr Lamb said that he would raise with CitiPower the outstanding debt of \$112.

Mr Gill said that it was important to separate administrative and project costs in developing a budget.

The Chairman reminded members that their \$50 subscriptions were now due.

Next Meeting: 11.00 am 31 July 1996